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CLEANING METHOD FOR SUBSTRATE TREATMENT DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. One copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the references have been considered, per MPEP § 609.

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These references were cited in a Japanese Office Action (translation enclosed) dated May 22, 2007, in a corresponding foreign application. Please note that JP2-22365 is a Utility reference and no English abstract/translation is available. Applicants rely upon the

Japanese Examiner's remarks regarding reference 1 on pages 1 and 2 of the English translation for a statement of relevance for this utility reference.

Respectfully Submitted,

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